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**Evacuation of documents from certain  
Imperial Institutions**

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1. In accordance with policy declared by AC of S G-2 in Check Sheet published by AC of S G-2, WSW, 31 Oct 1945 and pursuant to the desires of the War Department and Navy Department, herewith is a plan for the acquisition of certain archives in Japan.

2. Mission: Assemble in Washington, D. C. a general Japanese library embracing all desirable publications available in Japan, and all pertinent military documents obtainable from the Imperial General Headquarters.

3. Acquisition of Scientific, Technical, and Cultural Works

a. It is proposed that the Japanese Government be directed to turn over to the Supreme Commander the several most authoritative publications, including journals, single books, and archives pertaining to subjects of value to the United States. The value of a text may be calculated on the basis of a long range period of academic research, or on the basis of immediate exploitation.

b. A recommended list of subjects and publications is furnished in Tab A.

4. Acquisition of Military Archives

a. It is recommended that at a time to be designated by AC of S G-2, SCAP, the archives of the Imperial General Headquarters and its subsidiaries be searched and such documents or files of documents as may be of historical, research, or military intelligence value be evacuated in their complete form

to Washington Document Center.

b. Personnel of WDC (Adv) are available to assist in scanning, selection, and evacuation of these archives.

c. It is recommended that consideration be given to evacuating with the archives such archivists or other individuals whose knowledge of the material would expedite its orderly examination and disposition in Washington.

5. While it is recognized that the procedure described in par. 3 for acquisition of technical, scientific, and cultural works places reliance on the uncertain sincerity of the Japanese, no more efficient solution is deemed practicable with the means at hand in a reasonable period of time.

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